

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 20, 21, 26 and 27 are allowable and that claims 4, 7, 8 and 16-19 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 12, 15, 25, 28 and 29 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-11, 13, 14, 16-21, 26 and 27 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9-12, 14, 15, 25, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2002/134918 (“Milida”). In response, without agreeing or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant has cancelled claims 12, 15, 25, 28 and 29 and allowable claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to include all the intervening limitations of claim 12. Similarly, allowable claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to include all the limitations of claim 15. Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 14 have been amended to depend from amended claim 4. Claims 3 and 10 also depend from claim 4.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9-11 and 14 be allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milida in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,194,740 (“Zhang”). In response, without agreeing or acquiescing

to the rejection, Applicant has amended claim 13 to depend from allowable claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

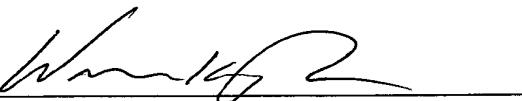
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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